

applying a primer layer of a coating composition which is electrically conductive in the stoved state without spraying onto an electrically conductive substrate and stoving said primer layer;

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electrophoretically depositing a second coating layer of an electrophoretically depositable coating composition and stoving said second coating layer; and

bonding a thermoplastic film as a third coating layer of the protective and decorative laminar structure;

wherein said plastic film, either alone or in conjunction with the second coating layer, determines the decorative effect of the laminar structure.

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5. (Thrice Amended) A process according to claim 1, further comprising, after applying and stoving the conductive primer layer, optionally stamping or cutting said substrate; and

shaping the substrate three-dimensionally.

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8. (Twice Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is a motor vehicle or a component thereof.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.

Please enter new claim 11 as follows:

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11. (New) A process according to claim 1, further comprising, before applying and stoving the conductive primer layer, optionally stamping or cutting the substrate; and shaping the substrate three-dimensionally.